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Relates to Item #11

If implemented successfully, Los Angeles County's Energy Program will help reduce energy and water costs for property owners, create vitally needed construction jobs, and help the County meet its greenhouse gas reduction goals. In the unincorporated areas alone, the program is targeted to retrofit 15,000 homes, create 2,600 jobs, and add \$150 million to the local economy. If all of the County's cities join in the program, the impact can be many times greater.

However, in order to actually reach these ambitious goals, among other tasks, the County will need to design the program in a way that facilitates a successful partnership with local contractors and other small businesses. We have heard from local contractors and business owners on a range of topics that include licensing requirements for participating contractors; the mechanism and timing of disbursing loans to homeowners (for example, should payments be made as one lump sum or in multiple installments, and should the payments be disbursed to homeowners before or after work is completed); and, concern over the estimated interest rate that will be charged to participating property owners.

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As part of the County's ongoing outreach to the community, the County's Energy Program team should meet directly with interested contractors in an effort to ensure that the County takes their expert opinions into account when finalizing the design of our Energy Program.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Director of Internal Services or his designee to initiate a meeting with interested local contractors and other appropriate business owners within the next three weeks, and report back as part of his Department's ongoing AB 811 reports to the Board of Supervisors regarding how the LA County Energy Program will be designed in a way that addresses their policy concerns to the extent it is feasible to do so and is consistent with the Program's other policy objectives.

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